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SUBJECT: KOREA QUESTION AT 31ST UNGA: PRIORITY ISSUE

REFERENCES: (A) SEOUL 5652 (B) SEOUL 5673 (C) USUN 2998

1. WE UNDERSTAND ROKG'S CONTINUED CONCERN OVER PRIORITY ISSUE. HOWEVER, AS EMBASSY AND ROKG AWARE, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT AT THIS TIME SEEK PRIORITY GIVEN OUR PRIMARY POSITION OF SEEKING TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AT UNGA, A POSITION NOW UNDERLINED BY THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH AND THE SUPPORTIVE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WHICH WE NOW UNDERTAKING. WE HAVE NOT CHAMPIONED OUR VIEW ON PRIORITY WITHIN CORE GROUP, BUT HAVE AGREED WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE PREDOMINANT VIEW OF CORE GROUP MEMBERS THAT WE SHOULD NOT PUSH FOR PRIORITY NOW.

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2. IT IS CLEAR FROM REFTTEL C THAT ROKG WANTS TO DRAW US INTO ADOPTING THEIR POSITION ON PRIORITY. FOR REASONS ABOVE, AND BECAUSE THERE IS ALREADY SOME RESTIVENESS IN CORE GROUP THAT IT IS BEING MANIPULATED, WE ARE NOT NOW PREPARED TO DO SO.

3. WE SEE NO REASON, HOWEVER, WHY CORE GROUP SHOULD NOT REEXAMINE QUESTION OF PRIORITY, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER'S

SUGGESTION, AT NEXT MEETING. WHILE EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM IDEA RAISED BY PRIME MINISTER IS IN THEORY FEASIBLE, WE TEND TO THINK IT WOULD BE SEEN AS A TACTICAL PLOY DEMONSTRATING LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN AN EVENTUAL CONTEST BETWEEN RESOLUTIONS. EMBASSY MAY SO INFORM ROKG.

4. FOR USUN: MISSION MAY USE PARA 3 ABOVE AS NEEDED IN CONTACTS WITH ROKUN.

5. SEOUL 5786 JUST RECEIVED. WE WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON SUGGESTED CHANGES TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION BEFORE JULY 29 CORE GROUP MEETING. KISSINGER

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